

Council On Aging Minutes 2/12/2014

COUNCIL ON AGING MINUTES

February 12, 2014

Present: Council on Aging Members Irving Goldberg, Virginia McIntyre, Jack Jordan, Jack Dorsey, Jean Nousse, Norah McCormick, Marijo Gorney, Council on Aging Director Lynne Waterman, and Darlene Perkins, Outreach Coordinator

Absent: Mary Gaffney

Chairman Irving Goldberg opened the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 8, 2014

Motion: Mr. Jordan moved to approve the minutes of January 8, 2014, seconded by Jean Nousse. Vote unanimous

Public Comments

COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Lynne Waterman distributed her report for the month of January. She met with staff from Hope Hospice to plan a future program on death and also with the staff from a local companion agency to plan a program on falls and the fear of falling.

Lynne noted there were some small maintenance issues with the van and thanked DPW for the repairs and doing the 60,000 mile check up. She also informed the members that one of the volunteers completed the process which began last spring of contacting approximately 800 people 80 or older who are on our mailing list and informed them of our transportation services.

Director Waterman thanked the Friends of the Council on Aging for purchasing 6 new card tables and game supplies. She also thanked DPW for their repairs to the front door, the replacement of the valve that caused a small flood in the closet, the repair of the tissue holder in the handicapped stall and they also fixed the heating system to increase the heat in the Outreach Coordinator's office. She also thanked the IT Department who gave us a phone for the meeting room and created on all our phones, a new speed dial to the police department.

Lynne reviewed the meetings she attended with staff, department heads, Parkinsons' Support Network of Cape Cod, Human Services and Mashpee Cares.

Director Waterman announced the new morning receptionist began her new duties on January 16. She also met with staff from Elder Services Mature Worker Program.

Lynne also noted that 49 new seniors joined the Mashpee Senior Center in December 2013. Director Waterman and the Outreach Coordinator met with the young lady who is putting together a Senior Center cookbook on how to solicit recipes from the members. This is part of her senior project. Darlene said if any of the council members would like to donate a recipe to the student that would be great. She is looking for healthy, family recipes.

Director Waterman distributed correspondence from MCOA which discussed what their goals are and the formula grant.

Director Waterman's goals are to plan new spring programs, schedule annual training for van drivers and complete the process of moving to computerize the room scheduling program.

Motion: Jack Jordan moved to accept the Director's report, seconded by Jean Nousse. Vote unanimous.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Director Waterman distributed the Treasurer's report. She reviewed the budget to date and noted the energy costs were up which was expected.

Motion: Jack Jordan moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Jean Nousse. Vote unanimous.

OUTREACH COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Darlene Perkins distributed her report for the month of January. She reviewed her report stating she had six home visits and had numerous client contacts by telephone and visits in the office. Darlene noted some issues she dealt with the seniors needing help such as medical, transportation, affordable housing. She also stated the Brown Bag program served thirty one seniors this month and had six volunteers separating and bagging food. She thanked Jean and Ginny and the other volunteers for their help. Darlene also is working with residents to apply for fuel assistance and makes referrals for homecare, medical insurance, housing, food and daily activities to seniors who are struggling.

Darlene Perkins meets monthly with volunteers. One volunteer is still working with one of our seniors on his biography. We have one new volunteer driver and 10 Mashpee residents who turned 90 plus and received flowers delivered by a volunteer. She is matching up new friendly volunteers with seniors who are isolated and need a friend to visit them regularly. There were 10 volunteer rides this month. She reviewed the meetings she attended: Elder Services Board of Directors, Cape Outreach Coordinators' monthly meeting and she also met with the public nurse.

Motion: Jack Jordan moved to accept the Outreach Coordinator's Report, seconded by Jack Dorsey. Vote unanimous.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR REPORT

Director Waterman stated she didn't have a report from the volunteer coordinator but she continues to interview new volunteers and meet and train the current volunteers. She is also working on the volunteer luncheon which will be held in May outside of the building All is going well.

Motion: Jack Jordan moved to accept the Volunteer Coordinator's report, seconded by Virginia McIntyre. Vote unanimous..

ACTIVITY COORDINATOR REPORT

Director Waterman distributed the Activity Coordinator report. In Christine's report, she reported she received favorable feedback from seniors who have received a broadcast email which was recently developed. Six new seniors registered for the movie club thru this email. The Monday program game day has started and she thanked the Friends for the games. Twenty three people took part in the first monthly Meditation Group. The iPad classes are very popular and due to the number of people on the wait list, we have scheduled two additional basic classes. The Genealogy Workshop was attended by twelve people and the feedback was positive. Director Waterman stated Christine continues to do a great job. Lynne stated that the Activity Coordinator is conducting a survey and distributed one of the responses to the members. Lynne and Christine are working on developing an activity mission statement.

Motion: Jack Jordan moved to accept the Activity Coordinator's Report, seconded by Jean Nousse. Vote unanimous.

Old Business

New Business

Coffee Fund

Director Waterman informed the Council members that the coffee fund is in deficit and she was thinking of raising the coffee from \$.75 to \$1.00 per cup. There was a brief discussion and Lynne thanked the members for their input.

Senior Center Core Values.

Director Waterman said she would like to come up with some core values that relate back to their mission statement. She has solicited some feedback from some of the volunteers and the staff. The council members suggested the center is a place for seniors to go for help, companionship, entertainment, socialize, and a learning experience. Lynne shared the responses she received from the staff and volunteers: positive, responsible, friendly, attractive, honesty, cooperative, diligent, sharing, inclusive, welcoming, enthusiastic, and caring.

Jack Dorsey suggested raising money for flashlights that the seniors could pick up at the senior center. Lynne noted the council is not able to raise money but the Friends of the Council raises funds. There was a brief discussion on this suggestion. Norah stated she may be able to help with the donation. Lynne noted she is trying to do emergency preparedness thru a number of agencies on a year round basis. They run emergency preparedness information in the newsletter every month.

Motion: Jack Dorsey moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jack Jordan. Vote unanimous.

Meeting adjourned 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Daigneault

Recording Secretary